M-9973 US

ABSTRACT

A method for a client system to exchange data with an application server running a decision optimization engine comprising generating a request document at the client system having request child elements, wherein at least one request child element comprises a command to the decision optimization engine, sending the request document to the application server, and receiving a response document from the application server generated by the decision optimization engine comprising response child elements. Also, a method for an application server running a decision optimization engine to exchange data with a client system comprising receiving a request document from the client system having request child elements, wherein at least one request child element comprises a command for the decision optimization engine, performing the command using the decision optimization engine, generating a response document using the decision optimization engine having response child elements, and sending the response document to the client system.

15

10

5

20

713837 v1